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NON - ARCHIMEDEAN DIFFERENTIATION

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§ 1. Introduction.

The subject is part of the so-called non-archimedean (or ultrametric) analysis. Roughly speaking, one may say that this is the analysis that one obtains when replacing in the "classical" analysis IR or C by a non-archimedean valued field K.

A non-archimedean valued field is a (commutative) field K, together with a map $|\cdot| : K \to \mathbb{R}$ (the valuation) satisfying

\begin{align*}
|a| & \geq 0 \quad , \quad |a| = 0 \text{ iff } a = 0 \\
|ab| & = |a| |b| \\
|a+b| & \leq \max(|a|,|b|) \quad (\text{the strong triangle inequality})
\end{align*}

for all $a, b \in K$.

We have the following remarks.

(1) Apart from IR or C, every complete valued field is non-archimedean.

(2) If $K$ is a non-archimedean valued field and if $L \supset K$ is an overfield of $K$ then the valuation on $K$ can be extended to a non-archimedean valuation on $L$.

(3) If $K$ is a (non-archimedean) valued field then its completion $\overline{K}$ (with respect to the metric $(x,y) \mapsto |x-y|$) can, in a natural
way, be given the structure of a non-archimedean valued field. In the sequel we exclude the so-called trivial valuation given by

$$|x|' = \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\
1 & \text{if } x \neq 0.
\end{cases}$$

The non-archimedean analysis has several branches, similar to the classical analysis. Thus we have non-archimedean functional analysis, harmonic analysis, theory of analytic functions in one or several variables, etc.

In this talk we consider a more elementary subject, namely infinitesimal calculus in $K$. More specifically, we want to see what remains of the so-called Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (in $\mathbb{R}$) that states that the operations of differentiation and integration are in some sense each others inverses.

§ 2. Differentiation in $K$. Let $X \subset K$ be a subset without isolated points. A function $f : X \to K$ is called differentiable if for all $a \in X$

$$f'(a) := \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

exists. The proof of the well known rules (sum-, product-, chain-rule) can formally be taken over from the classical theory. Thus, a rational function is differentiable if it has no poles on $X$. An analytic function $x + \sum a_n x^n$ is differentiable on

$$\{x : |x| < (\lim \sqrt[n]{|a_n|})^{-1}\}.$$

Deviations from the classical theory appear when we look at the functions whose derivative vanishes everywhere. For example,
let \( \epsilon > 0 \), \( a \in K \). Then \( B(a, \epsilon) := \{ x \in K : |x-a| < \epsilon \} \) is an open-
and-closed subset of \( K \), hence \( \xi_{B(a, \epsilon)} \), defined by

\[
\xi_{B(a, \epsilon)}(x) := \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if } x \in B(a, \epsilon) \\
0 & \text{elsewhere}
\end{cases}
\]
is differentiable and \( \xi'_{B(a, \epsilon)} = 0 \).

Locally constant functions all have derivative zero. On the other
hand they form a uniformly dense subset of \( C(X) \), the space of all
continuous functions: \( X \to K \).

Even worse: let \( \mathbb{Q}_p \) the field of the p-adic numbers and let
\( Z_p := \{ x \in \mathbb{Q}_p : |x| \leq 1 \} \). Then the function \( f : Z_p \to \mathbb{Q}_p \) defined by

\[
f(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n p^n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n p^{2n} \quad (\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n p^n \in Z_p)
\]
satisfies \( |f(x)-f(y)| = |x-y|^2 \) for all \( x, y \in Z_p \). So \( f' = 0 \) but \( f \)
is injective, hence not locally constant.

The above example shows also that a Mean Value Theorem is necessa-
riely absent in our theory.

Notice that the difficulties encountered above also appear when we
study differentiability of functions \( f : D \to \mathbb{R} \), where \( D \subset [0,1] \)
is the Cantor set. So it is the domain of \( f \) that is responsible
for the troubles rather than its range.

§ 3. Continuously differentiable functions.

If we follow naively the path of the classical analysis and define

\[ C^1(X) := \{ f : X \to K, f \text{ is differentiable, } f' \text{ is continuous} \} \]

then we run up against difficulties.

First of all, one can prove that \( C^1(Z_p) \) (with the norm
\[ f \mapsto \max(\|f\|_\infty, \|f\|_\infty) \] is not a Banach space. In fact one shows that for every pair of continuous functions \( f, g : \mathbb{Z}_p \to \mathbb{Q}_p \) there exists a sequence \( f_1, f_2, \ldots \) in \( C^1(\mathbb{Z}_p) \) for which both \( f_n \to f \) and \( f'_n \to g \) uniformly.

What is worse, we have no local invertibility theorem for such \( C^1 \)-functions.

In fact, let \( f : \mathbb{Z}_p \to \mathbb{Q}_p \) be defined by
\[
f(x) = \begin{cases} 
-x^{-2n} & \text{if } |x^{-n}| < p^{-2n} \\
x & \text{elsewhere}
\end{cases} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})
\]
Then \( f'(x) = 1 \) for all \( x \in \mathbb{Z}_p \). But \( f(p^n) = f(p^{-n}2^n) \) for all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), so \( f \) is not even locally injective at 0.

Therefore we are led to define:

Let \( f : X \to K \). Put
\[
\phi f(x,y) := \frac{f(x)-f(y)}{x-y} \quad (x,y \in X, x \neq y).
\]
We say that \( f \in C^1(X) \) if \( \phi f \) can continuously be extended to a function \( \overline{\phi f} : X \times X \to K \).

Then \( BC^1(X) := \{ f \in C^1(X) : f \text{ and } \phi f \text{ are bounded} \} \) is a Banach space under \( f \mapsto \|f\|_1 := \max(\|f\|_\infty, \|\phi f\|_\infty) \).

Further, if \( f \in C^1(X) \), \( f'(a) \neq 0 \) for some \( a \in X \), then \( f \) has a \( C^1 \)-inverse, locally at \( a \).

**Theorem.** Differentiation is a continuous surjection \( BC^1(X) \to BC(X) \).

(here \( BC(X) \) is the space of all bounded continuous functions with the supremum norm)

§ 4. "Integration".

Next, we want to define an "indefinite integral" \( P : BC(X) \to BC^1(X) \).
(an analogue of $(Pf)(x) := \int_0^X f(t)dt$ for real functions) such that $DP$ is the identity on $BC(X)$.

A natural try is first to find an analogue of the Lebesgue measure in $K$. But this turns out to be a dead end road. For example if $K = \mathbb{Q}_p$ there does not exist a nonzero translation invariant bounded additive $\mathbb{Q}_p$-valued function $m$ defined on the compact open subsets of $\mathbb{A}$. (By translation invariance $m(\mathbb{Z}_p^n) = p^n m(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ $\to \infty$ if $m(\mathbb{Z}_p) \neq 0$). For similar reasons it goes wrong for every local field $K$.

Following the ideas of Dieudonné, Treiber, we define for $f \in BC(X)$

$$(Pf)(x) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(x_n)(x_{n+1} - x_n) \quad (x \in X)$$

Here the $x_n$ are defined as follows. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the equivalence relation $\sim$ defined by $x \sim y$ if $|x-y| < \frac{1}{n}$ yields a partition of $X$ into balls. Choose a center in each ball and let $R_n$ be the set of these centers.

For each $x \in X$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x_n$ is defined by $x_n \in R_n$, $|x_n - x| < \frac{1}{n}$.

**Theorem.** (A NON-ARCHIMEDEAN FORM OF THE FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM).

$P$ is a linear isometry of $BC(X)$ into $BC^1(X)$. $DP$ is the identity on $BC(X)$, whereas $PD$ is a projection of $BC^1(X)$ onto a complement of $\{f \in BC^1(X) : f' = 0\}$.

§ 5. Generalizations of the Fundamental Theorem.

We may ask whether there exists some form of the Fundamental Theorem for functions belonging to spaces, larger than $BC(X), BC^1(X)$.
respectively. (For example, compare the classical theorem on $L^1$-functions versus absolutely continuous functions).

We have the following striking fact that has no counterpart in classical analysis. We say that $g : X \to K$ is of the **first class** of Baire if there exists a sequence $g_1, g_2, \ldots$ of continuous functions $X \to K$ such that $\lim g_n = g$ pointwise.

**THEOREM.** (a) Let $f : X \to K$ be differentiable. Then $f'$ is of the **first class** of Baire.

(b) Let $g : X \to K$ be of the **first class** of Baire. Then $g$ has an antiderivative.

Let $B^1(X)$ be the Banach space consisting of all bounded functions $X \to K$ of the first class of Baire with respect to the supremum norm.

Let $BD(X)$ be the Banach space of all differentiable $f : X \to K$ for which both $f$ and $\phi f$ are bounded, with respect to the norm $\|f\|_\infty \vee \|\phi f\|_\infty$. Then we have

**THEOREM.** Differentiation is a quotient map $BD(X) \overset{D}{\twoheadrightarrow} B^1(X)$.

If $K$ has discrete valuation then there exists a continuous linear $P : B^1(X) \to BD(X)$ for which $DP$ is the identity on $B^1(X)$.

**Notes.**

1. The construction of the above $P$ is awful and, contrary to § 4, $P$ does not resemble an indefinite integral in any way.

2. If the valuation of $K$ is dense the existence of such a $P$ is still an open question.
§ 6. **Restriction of the Fundamental Theorem.**

In classical analysis, we have that if \( f \in C^n \) then 
\[
\frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} \int_0^x f(t) \, dt \quad \text{is in} \quad C^{n+1}.
\]
In our situation we define for \( f : X \rightarrow K \):
\( f \in C^2(X) \) if the function \( \phi_2 f \), defined by
\[
\phi_2 f(x,y,z) = \frac{\phi_1 f(x,z) - \phi_1 f(y,z)}{x-y} \quad (x,y,z \in X, \ x \neq y, \ y \neq z, \ x \neq z)
\]
can continuously be extended to \( \phi_2 f : X^3 \rightarrow K \). Similarly, we define 
\( C^3(X), C^4(X), \ldots \). Let \( C^\infty(X) := \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} C^n(X) \).

The map \( P \), defined in § 4, does not always map \( C^1 \)-functions into \( C^2 \)-functions. But we have (notations as in § 4)

**THEOREM.** Let the characteristic of \( K \) be unequal to 2. Then the map \( P^2 \) defined via
\[
(P^2 f)(x) := \sum_n^{n+1} f(x_n)(x_{n+1} - x_n) + \frac{1}{2}f'(x_n)(x_{n+1} - x_n)^2 \quad (x \in X)
\]
maps \( C^1(X) \) into \( C^2(X) \) and \( (P f)' = f \) for all \( f \in C^1(X) \).

Similarly, one can define antiderivation maps \( P_n : C^{n-1}(X) \rightarrow C^n(X) \)
(in case the characteristic of \( K \) is unequal to 2, 3, \ldots, \( n \)).

**OPEN QUESTION.** Let \( K \) have characteristic 0. Does every \( f \in C^\infty(X) \)
have a \( C^\infty \)-antiderivative?

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